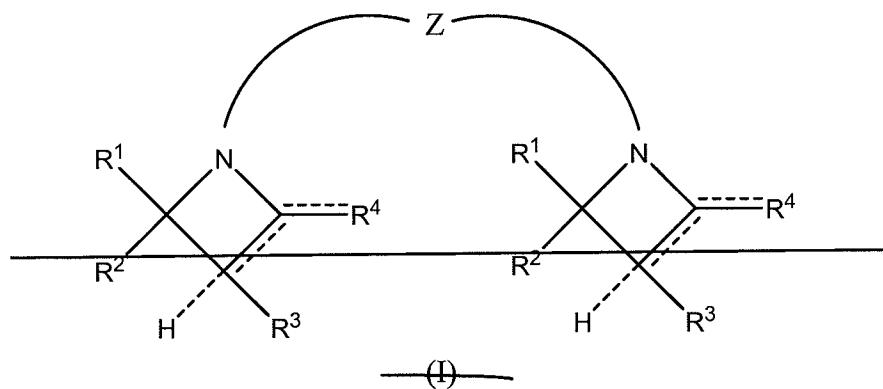


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

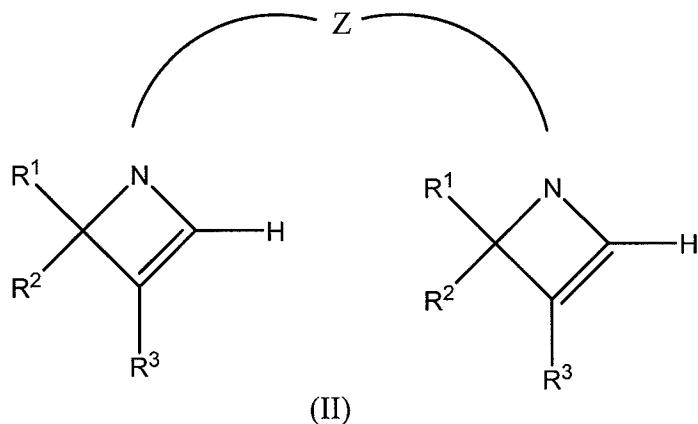
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

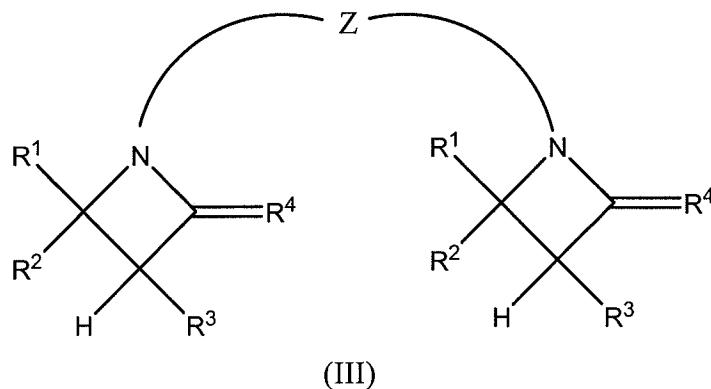
Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An azetidine derivative of the general formula (I)



formula (II) or (III)





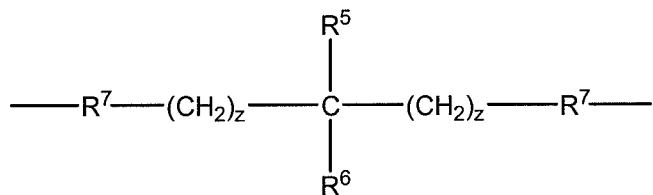
where

R^1 , R^2 and R^3 independently of one another are H,

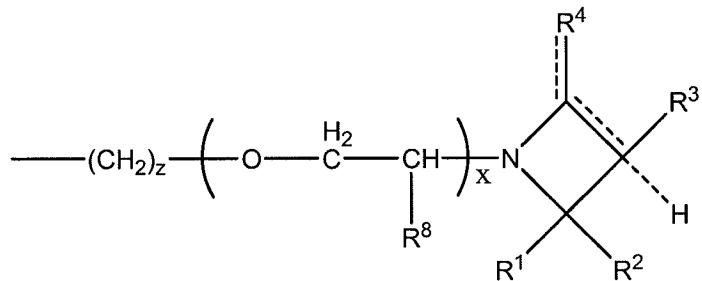
C_1-C_{20} alkyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{10} aryl or alkylaryl with
 C_1-C_4 alkyl and C_6-C_{10} aryl groups

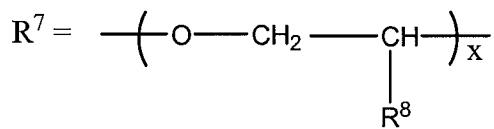
R^4 = H, C_1-C_6 alkyl (idene)

Z = C_2-C_{25} alkylidene, C_5-C_{25} cycloalkylidene, C_6-C_{24} arylene and also



R^5 and R^6 = H, CH_2OH , C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_6H_5 ,





$R^8 = H, CH_3, C_2H_5, C_6H_5$

$z = 0$ or 1

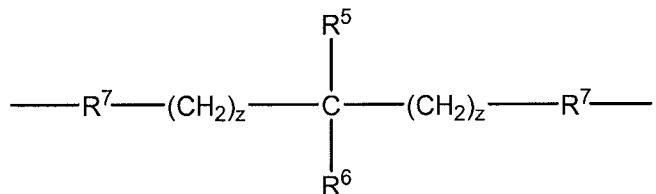
$x = 0$ to $100.$

2. (Canceled)

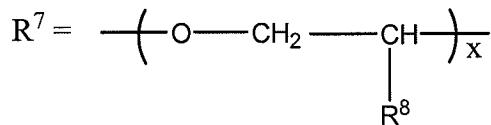
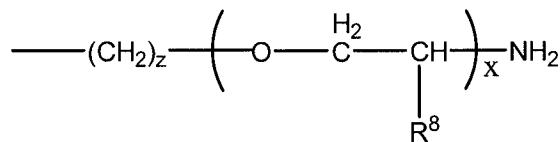
3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method for producing an azetidine derivative of ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that wherein a polyamine of the formula $NH_2-Z'-NH_2$ is reacted with an α,β -unsaturated aldehyde of the formula $R^1R^2-C=CR^3CHO$ or with an α,β -unsaturated ketone of the formula $R^1R^2C=CR^3-COR^4$ in the temperature range from 20 to $150^\circ C$, where Z' is

C_2-C_{25} alkylidene, C_5-C_{25} cycloalkylidene, C_6-C_{24} arylene, and



R^5 and $R^6 = H, CH_2OH, C_1-C_4$ alkyl, $C_6H_5,$



$\text{R}^8 = \text{H, CH}_3, \text{C}_2\text{H}_5, \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$

$z = 0 \text{ or } 1$

$x = 0 \text{ to } 100$

and $\text{R}^1, \text{R}^2, \text{R}^3$, and R^4 possess the above definition.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of an organic solvent, especially toluene.

6. (Currently Amended) The use of an azetidine derivative of ~~any one~~ ~~of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 as a latent curing component for resins having functional groups which are reactive toward amino groups.

7. (Currently Amended) The use of claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the azetidine derivative of the formula ~~(I)~~ and/or ~~(II)~~ and/or ~~(III)~~ is mixed with the resin to be cured, the azetidine ring is hydrolytically opened by moisture exposure, and the secondary amine formed is caused to react with the reactive functional groups of the resin to be cured.

8. (Currently Amended) The use of ~~either of claims 6 and 7~~ claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein polyurethanes or polyepoxides and also mixtures thereof are used as resin to be cured.

9. (Currently Amended) The use of ~~any one of claims 6 to 8,~~
~~characterized in that claim 6 wherein~~ the curing component is used an amount of 0.01% to 150% by weight, in particular 0.1% to 20% by weight, based on the amount of the resin to be cured.

10. (Currently Amended) The use of ~~any one of claims 6 to 9,~~
~~characterized in that claim 6 wherein~~ the mixture consisting of curing component and resin is cured at a temperature of 5 to 80°C and optionally in the presence of a suitable catalyst.

11. (Currently Amended) The use of ~~any one of claims 6 to 10,~~
~~characterized in that claim 6 wherein~~ the curing component is used in the production of (floor) coatings, sealants, and adhesives.